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I wish to take advantage of the Tunney Act provision for public comment regarding the Microsoft case.

I am a systems programmer/analyst in Kansas City, Missouri, working with Java, Oracle, and a wide range of open source database products in a variety of UNIX environments, ranging from GNU/Linux to Solaris to BSD and Mac OS X. Since I work in a midwestern market significantly dominated by Microsoft technologies, I am regularly impacted by Microsoft, their products, and their business practices.

Based on my experience in the Microsoft-dominated Kansas City market, it is my position that the proposed final judgment falls far short of a remedy to the Microsoft antitrust problem. For many reasons, it is important that Microsoft's behavior be controlled more adequately than is provided in the proposed final judgment.

- Microsoft must not be allowed to engage in anticompetitive licensing practices with enterprise customers.
- Microsoft must not be allowed to engage in anticompetitive licensing practices with US governmental agencies or other non-profit organizations.
- Microsoft must not be allowed to engage in anticompetitive licensing practices with individual consumers.
- Microsoft must be required to publish the specifications of any new non-standard networking protocols they plan to incorporate into their operating systems.
- Microsoft must be required to publish the specifications of their common file formats. i.e. Word, Excel, etc.
- Microsoft must be required to comply with published standards for file formats such as HTML when labeling files as files of that standard file type.
- Microsoft must be forbidden from 'bundling' into their operating systems any functionality currently provided by third-party software packages. i.e. digital photography, security, streaming media, etc.
- Microsoft must not be allowed to use any antitrust remedy to strengthen their monopolistic position. For example, the free distribution of their product, or of hardware intended to use their product, should not be part of any final settlement.
- License agreements between Microsoft and end users which serve anticompetitive purposes must be terminated and replaced with more appropriate licenses.
- No US government agency should accept advertising or 'free' giveaway displays unless the interests of competing

parties are available and displayed in an equitable manner.
For example, the current XP displays in US Post Offices
are outrageous, and should be removed.

Thank-you for your consideration of this matter.

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